locality, whose houses had not much of backyards, used the sides of the tank and rendered the tank and its vicinity insanitary. The Member suggested that, if the Government would help the Committee with loans for acquiring the tank and the lands close to it, the Committee would repay the money by the sale of the land in small bits as building-sites.

The next point in the Member's representation related to the water-supply of the town. He said that the water in the two rivers running by the town was unfit for drinking and culinary purposes. There were only a few wells and even those would have no water during the hot season, if there was no water in the adjoining tanks. He suggested that the Shencottah tank situated near the town be deepened and repaired and its area extended by the acquisition of some of the adjoining lands.

The Member then referred to the insanitary condition of many of the roads and lanes and said that already some roads were maintained by the P. W. D. He suggested that the remaining roads and lanes should also be transferred to the P. W. D.

Lastly, the Member dwelt upon the necessity for an early re-survey of the town with a view to remove the confusion and uncertainty existing in regard to many lanes and yards attached to houses and to ascertain the extent of the *porambokes*. He suggested that a survey staff be deputed to do the work under the control of the local Tahsildar, who was the *ex-officio* President of the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

99. Some needs of the town of Kayankulam.

Rev. Fr. A. J. Michael (Member, T. I. C., Kayankulam) referred to the following needs of the town of Kayankulam and prayed that the needful be done by the Government :—

(1) The standard of the Lower Grade Secondary School at Kayankulam should be raised to the Higher Grade.

There were 49 students in the III Form. The proposed Higher Grade School would benefit the Karthigappalli and Karunagappalli taluks and also the people living near the beach. The necessity for such a school was recognised by Dr. Bishop and Mr. Pryde.

(2) The Munsiff's Court at Krishnapuram should be transferred to Kayankulam.

(3) The Kayankulam Dispensary should be converted into a District Hospital.

(4) A boat-basin should be provided at Kayankulam.

(5) Gutters should be constructed on either side of the Kayankulam market road.

(6) The portion of the Kayankulam-Haripad road, extending from Kayankulam to Nangiarkulangara, should be metalled and made cartable.

(7) Public latrines and urinals should be constructed in the town. Their maintenance would be attended to by the T. I. C.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the Munsiff's Court, it is a settled question and cannot be re-opened. The other representations of the Member will be referred to the Heads of Departments concerned for report.

100. Desirability of recording the minutes of the meetings of Town Improvement Committees in Malayalam as well as in English.

Mr. A. Viramani Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) said that, in the 19 Town Improvement Committees in the State, there were several members who did not know the English language and that there was no provision either in the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation or in the proposed Municipal Bill, making it obligatory to record the minutes of meetings of the Committee only in English. A resolution was passed some time ago by the Mavelikara Committee that the minutes of the Committee's meetings should be recorded in Malayalam for the benefit of all the members. But when the question was submitted to the Government, the latter in their orders Nos. 7888 and 9811, dated the 22nd December 1915

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